लेकर 22.5 मीटर तक की गहराई तक छदन और चिनाई का कार्य तरल मैमेंट से किया गया है ।

(ग) छेदन कार्रवाई के दौरान गुफा का कोई भाग नहीं गिरा था ।

(घ) जी, नहीं ।

(ङ) प्रश्न नहीं उठता ।

Scraping of Model Schools

2369. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN:
DR. R. K. PODDAR:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a recent two day seminar held at Chandigarh by a number of eminent educationists on the Education Department's document 'Challenge of Education—a Policy Perspective' has urged scraping of model schools;

(b) whether in view of widespread opposition to the ideal of 'model School' Government propose to abandon the idea of setting up of model schools; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) A two-day Seminar was organised by Centre for Research in Rural and Industrial Development, Chandigarh on 19—20 October 1985. The recommendations of the Seminar have not yet been received.

(b) and (c) It is proposed to establish a model school in each district during the Seventh Plan with the objective to set up good quality schools for talented children drawn mainly from the rural areas without regard for the economic and social status of the family. This scheme is viewed as a more towards greater social justice in education, for promotion of objectives of national integration and to serve as pace-setter for a nation-wide programme of school improvement.

Recession in Shipping Industry

2370. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian shipping companies are suffering due to international recession alongwith lukewarm attitude of Government in offering cargo support;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for Government's denial for argo support to its own bottoms; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) to (c) Indian shipping companies are facing cash flow difficulties due to low freight rates and low charter hire rates resulting from recession in international trade. Government gives preference to Indian ships while arranging transportation of Government owned and Government controlled cargo. Besides standing instructions have been issued to all Government Departments and Public Sector Undertakings to use Indian ships to the maximum extent possible for shipment of Government owned/Government controlled cargoes and for buying f.o.b. and selling C&F. Charter of foreign flag vessels is allowed by Director General. Shipping only when no Indian ships are available. Further, India has entered into bilateral shipping agreement with 8 countries which provide for parity in cargo lifting and freight earnings.

India has also ratified the U.N. Convention on Code of Conduct for Liner Conferences, 1974 which enables participation in freight and